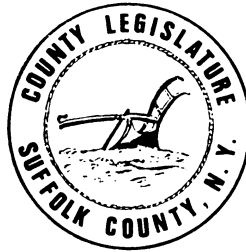


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## Legislator D'Amaro and Second Precinct Offer Crime Prevention Tips

(HUNTINGTON STATION, NY... April 11, 2016) – While crime rates are down overall, the Suffolk County Police Department Second Precinct and Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station) would still like to remind residents of some simple, yet effective ways to help protect their homes and vehicles.

### ***Help reduce incidents of theft from vehicles***

Some relatively simple steps will greatly reduce the odds of being victimized:

1. **Always lock all doors and close all windows in your vehicle at all times – both while home and away.**
2. Remove valuables and keys from the vehicle, especially those that are easily visible. This includes removable electronics, purses, wallets, loose change and packages of any kind.
3. If you must keep these items in your car, please place them in a locked glove box or the trunk.
4. If you have an SUV or van, attempt to conceal items from outside view.
5. When fueling your vehicle or loading packages, don't leave anything of value in open view while you are distracted as this could be an opportunity for a thief to act.
6. Always be aware of your surroundings and individuals that are around you.

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### ***Help reduce incidents of home burglaries***

There are also similar precautions you can take at home to protect your property:

1. **Always lock all doors and windows in your house**
2. When possible, do not leave valuables such as purses in plain sight near windows.
3. Protect yourself by utilizing “crime prevention through environmental design” concepts including:
  - a. Using motion sensing outdoor lights
  - b. Keeping lights, TV or radio on even when you leave to make it seem like someone is home
  - c. Trimming hedges and trees to increase your home’s visibility and reduce the opportunity for thieves to conceal themselves
  - d. Getting an alarm system, or at the very least an alarm system sign that may make thieves think twice about approaching your home
  - e. Installing video surveillance cameras

“Day in and day out, the brave men and women of the Suffolk County Police Department keep us safe and protected,” said Legislator D’Amaro. “I am grateful to the Police Department for providing us with some simple, easy to adopt strategies that can help us help prevent property crimes. I urge local residents to incorporate these useful tips.”

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*Suffolk County Legislator Lou D’Amaro represents the 17<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, which includes parts of Huntington, Huntington Station, South Huntington, Melville, West Hills, Cold Spring Hills, Dix Hills, Deer Park, North Babylon and West Babylon. He is chairman of the Budget & Finance committee and a member of the Veterans committee of the Suffolk County Legislature.*